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1 ¹⁰~~15~~. The method of claim 14 wherein the application of a torque
2 is applied in a tightening direction.

1 ¹¹~~16~~. The method of claim 15 wherein the torque is applied until
2 a rotation from about 1 degree to about 15 degrees is achieved.

1 ¹²~~17~~. The method of claim 16 wherein the torque is applied until a
2 rotation from about 10 degrees to about 14 degrees is achieved.

1 ¹³~~18~~. The method of claim 14 wherein the application of a torque
2 is applied in a loosening direction.

1 ¹⁴~~19~~. The method of claim 18 wherein the torque is applied until a
2 rotation from about 1 degree to about 10 degrees is achieved.

1 ¹⁵~~20~~. The method of claim 14 further comprising the step of
2 computing an angle intercept of the angle axis from the determined constant
3 rate of change.

1 ¹⁶~~21~~. The method of claim 20 further comprising the step of scaling
2 the angle axis whereby the zero degree point is the angle intercept of angle
3 axis.

1 ¹⁷~~22~~. The method of claim 14 wherein the predetermined angle
2 is a design parameter.

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-8, and 14-22 are